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E.O. 12065: GDS 6/15/87 (SEITZ, R.G.H.)  
TAGS: OVIP (HAIG, ALEXANDER M.), CH  
SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM COMMERCE SECRETARY BALDRIDGE ON US-PRC  
JOINT COMMISSION ON COMMERCE AND TRADE

1. (~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT).
2. IN MY MEETING THIS AFTERNOON WITH VICE PREMIER BO YIBO, I PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT US-PRC COMMISSION ON COMMERCE AND TRADE. I NOTED THAT, ASSUMING CHINESE CONCURRENCE, YOU WOULD HEAD THE COMMISSION FOR OUR SIDE AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONVENE THE FIRST MEETING AT AN EARLY DATE. I ADDED THAT UNDER OUR PROPOSAL, WE WOULD ENVISAGE THAT THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DON REGAN AND BO YIBO WOULD CONTINUE TO HANDLE BROAD ECONOMIC POLICY QUESTIONS.
3. VICE PREMIER BO GAVE A LENGTHY REVIEW OF CHINESE PLANS TO READJUST THEIR ECONOMY. IN THIS CONTEXT HE IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF AREAS OF POTENTIAL US-PRC COOPERATION. THESE INCLUDED MODERNIZATION OF CHINA'S INDUSTRIAL PLANTS AND EQUIPMENT; ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING PRC ENERGY RESOURCES, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE MINING OF  
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COAL AND BAUXITE, AS WELL AS IN ENHANCING AGRICULTURAL  
PRODUCTIVITY OF SUCH CROPS AS SOYBEANS AND CORN./I

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EMPHASIZED THE UTILITY OF THE PROPOSED JOINT COMMISSION IN FACILITATING COOPERATION IN PRECISELY THESE AREAS, AND INDICATED THAT A DETAILED FORMAL PROPOSAL WOULD BE COMING DURING THE NEXT MONTH.

4. BO RESPONDED POSITIVELY, INDICATING THAT THE CHINESE WOULD IN PRINCIPLE WELCOME AN ADDITIONAL VEHICLE FOR COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD. HE PROMISED TO GIVE PROMPT ATTENTION TO A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL.

5. WE NOW HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE SWIFTLY TO PUT TOGETHER THE NEW COMMISSION. MY COLLEAGUES IN THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE READY TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOU AND DON REGAN IN PULLING TOGETHER THE SPECIFICS. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD MOVE PROMPTLY TO AMEND EXISTING LEGISLATION WHICH COULD IMPEDE US-PRC COOPERATION. MODEST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN SUCH FIELDS AS ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNICATIONS MAY BE ONE IMPORTANT KEY TO RAPIDLY EXPANDING OUR COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES IN CHINA. AT YOUR CONVENIENCE LET'S DISCUSS THESE WHEN I RETURN. WARM REGARDS, AL.  
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